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For Immediate Release

Julie Healy, Facilities Coordinator and assistant hockey coach of the Concordia Stingers, has been selected head coach of the women's Quebec under-18 team which will participate in the first-ever National Women's Championship to be held at Concordia University February 18-21.

Ms. Healy has been a major contributor to women's ice hockey since she first donned a pair of skates as a member of the John Abbott Islanders. She started at John Abbott College where she was captain and Most Valuable Player during the 1977-78 season. She entered Concordia in 1979 and received numerous awards during her four year career including Most Inspirational Player (1983), Most Valuable Player (1979, 1982), Rookie of the Year (1979). In addition, she received the Women's Athletic Shield in 1982 for outstanding contribution to the women's athletics programme at Concordia.

Julie began her coaching career early as a volunteer coach with the Riverside Park Recreation (Lasalle) programme in the early 1970's. She has served as assistant coach to the Stingers since 1985 and has been a major factor in Concordia's dominance of university hockey over the last four years - four Quebec championships and an impressive 72-3-1 record.

In addition, Julie has served as an evaluator for the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and Instructor for the Quebec Ice Hockey Federation for both the Junior and Senior teams.